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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE DERIAN VISIT TO GUINEA

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1. MAMADOU DIENG, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC-FINANCIAL AFFAIRS
AT PRESIDENCY AND MEMBER OF RECENT ISMAEL TOURE DELEGATION
TO WASHINGTON (REFTEL), INFORMED CHARGE MARCH 28 THAT
IMMEDIATELY UPON DEL'S RETURN, PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE GAVE
HIS IMMEDIATE AND EMPHATIC APPROVAL TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY
DERIAN'S SUGGESTED VISIT TO GUINEA (REFTEL, PARA NINE).
TOURE WANTS BETTER COMPREHENSION BETWEEN
LEADERS OF US AND GUINEA AND WELCOMES VISIT.

2. COMMENT: BELIEVE VISIT TO GUINEA BY DERIAN COULD BE
USEFUL FOLLOW-ON TO ICRC MISSION AND ISMAEL TOURE'S SESSION
IN WASHINGTON. DERIAN VISIT WOULD BE FIRST PURELY US RESPONSE
TO PRIME MINISTER BEAVOGUT'S INVITATION OF LAST JUNE FOR HIGH US
OFFICIALS TO COME TO CONAKRY TO SEE FIRST-HAND HUMAN-
ITARIAN ASPECTS OF GUINEA. ALTHOUGH MARCH VISIT OF ICRC
REP GREW OUT OF BEAVOGUT'S INVITATION, PRIMIN LEFT
NO DOUBT THAT GOG MUCH PREFERRED VISIT BY US LEADING
OFFICIALS, IN ORDER TO GIVE THEM DIRECTLY MORE BALANCED
VIEW OF CURRENT GUINEAN REALITIES.

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3. SCENARIO OF DERIAN VISIT MIGHT USEFULLY UNFOLD ALONG FOLLOWING
LINES.

DAY 1

-- BRIEFING BY EMBASSY STAFF

-- MEETING WITH PRESIDENT TOURE AND/OR OTHER LEADING OFFICIALS

-- MEETING WITH SOCIAL AFFAIRS DOMAIN OFFICIALS (GUINEAN HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES) MINISTERS SAIFOULAYE DIALLO AND/OR MME. CISSE AND DR. KEKOURA CAMARA;

-- MEETING WITH SOPHIE MAKA AND OTHER LEADERS OF REVOLUTIONARY UNION OF GUINEAN WOMEN;

-- DINNER AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE WITH GUINEAN AND DIPLOMATIC PERSONALITIES.

DAY 2

-- VISIT TO SITE OF AID-FUNDED AGRICULTURAL PROJECT NEAR KINDIA; DISCUSSIONS WITH GUINEAN OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROJECT; VISIT ALSO TO BIOLOGICAL (EX-PASTEUR) INSTITUTE AT KINDIA. LUNCHEON HOSTED BY KINDIA MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AT VOILE DE LA MARIEE.

DAY 3

-- VISIT TO SCHOOL FOR DEAF CHILDREN WHICH US SELF-HELP PROJECT IS AIDING; CITE DE SOLIDARITE (EMBRYONIC HANDICAPPED CENTER) INCLUDING PROSTHETICS LABORATORY; CENTRES OF FEMININE PROMOTION
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AT CONAKRY;

-- CALLS ON UN RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE AND FRENCH AMBASSADOR FOR THEIR PERSPECTIVE ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN GUINEA.

4. CHARACTER OF VISIT MIGHT BEST BE DESCRIBED AS HIGH-LEVEL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS IN US AND GUINEA, AND CONTINUATION OF CONSTRUCTIVE, NON-PUBLIC, NON-POLEMICAL DIALOGUE WITH GUINEAN LEADERSHIP. IN THIS DIALOGUE WE HAVE CALLED ATTENTION TO US DESIRE TO WIDEN ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH GUINEA, HAVE POINTED TO US POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS RE HUMAN RIGHTS, AND HAVE EMPHASIZED THAT INCREASED EVIDENCE OF GUINEAN RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS NORMS (E.G., RECENT PRISONER RELEASES, RATIFICATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS COVENANTS) CAN DO MUCH TO CREATE PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT.
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